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OK Britta -

As I filtered through the document one more time I found much what I was concerned about addressed. Although there is some confusion on a couple of elements so I have added my thoughts here.

Otherwise a very thorough and well done document on the NM end of things. These could be suggestions?

ES.2 Purpose of and the Need for the MMPA

THE GSENM Grazing Plan "Purpose" should integrate the 6220 Manual where its focuses on grazing to include:

1. Where consistent with the designating legislation or proclamation, livestock grazing may occur within Monuments and NCAs.
2. Grazing management practices will be implemented in a manner that protects Monument and NCA objects and values unless otherwise provided for in law.
3. The BLM will use Monuments and NCAs as a laboratory for innovative grazing techniques designed to better conserve, protect, and restore NLCS values, where consistent with the designating legislation or proclamation.

No Purpose or Need identified in the plan using grazing as a resource management tool – such as to deter noxious weed / fire /etc. Will the plan and grazing be used as a Resource Management tool? If so should be identified.

Line 29 2.5.4 Science and Research-based Alternative Page 2-36

GSENM consider the first and second tier of the M6220 and the draft appears to consider the third tier "laboratory for innovative grazing techniques" via Science and Research-based Alternative as an exclusive alternative and decided not to review. With this alternative not being forwarded it implies not using the monument as a laboratory for innovative grazing. Although other alternatives have elements of laboratory for innovative grazing techniques but not highlighted as such until the table page ES-26 **Science GSENM**. Within the description of 2.4.5 Alternative E—BLM and NPS Preferred – add a line to highlight use of the monument lands for laboratory for innovative grazing should suffice.

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